

Sisisky	Tate	Walker
Skaggs	Tauzin	Walsh
Skeen	Taylor (MS)	Wamp
Skelton	Tejeda	Ward
Slaughter	Thomas	Watts (OK)
Smith (MI)	Thompson	Weldon (FL)
Smith (NJ)	Thornberry	Weldon (PA)
Smith (WA)	Thornton	Weller
Solomon	Thurman	White
Souder	Tiahrt	Whitfield
Spence	Torkildsen	Wicker
Spratt	Torres	Williams
Stearns	Torricelli	Wilson
Stenholm	Towns	Wise
Stockman	Trafigant	Wolf
Stokes	Upton	Woolsey
Studds	Vento	Wynn
Stump	Visclosky	Yates
Stupak	Volkmer	Young (FL)
Talent	Vucanovich	Zeliff
Tanner	Waldholtz	Zimmer

NOES—42

Becerra	Foglietta	Martinez
Bonior	Gibbons	McDermott
Bryant (TX)	Green	Meek
Clay	Gutierrez	Mfume
Combust	Hastings (FL)	Owens
Condit	Hilliard	Pastor
Conyers	Hinchey	Payne (NJ)
Coyne	Jefferson	Rahall
DeFazio	Kanjorski	Rangel
Dellums	Kennedy (MA)	Sanders
Fattah	Klink	Schroeder
Fields (LA)	Latham	Stark
Filner	Lofgren	Velazquez
Flake	Maloney	Watt (NC)

NOT VOTING—20

Baker (LA)	Hancock	Smith (TX)
Barcia	Hayes	Taylor (NC)
Barton	Johnson, E. B.	Waters
Brewster	Linder	Waxman
Chapman	Moakley	Wyden
Clyburn	Myers	Young (AK)
Frank (MA)	Serrano	

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the distinguished majority leader of the schedule for today and the remainder of the week and next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this last vote marks the end of the legislative business for the week. Members are now free to return to their families and their districts. Next week the House will not be in session on Monday, January 29.

On Tuesday, January 30, there is a possibility of a suspension day. Several items are under consideration, although none have been finalized at this time. Of course, we will consult with the minority and keep Members apprised of any additions to the schedule. Members should be advised, however, that there will be no recorded votes on Tuesday. In fact, we do not expect any recorded votes before Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon.

On Wednesday there is a possibility that we will act on emergency legislation to fund certain farm programs. Because of the President's veto of the Balanced Budget Act which contained farm program funding and reforms, there is a great deal of uncertainty in farm country that need to be addressed. We are working with Members on both sides of the aisle and will continue to do so as this legislation develops.

On Thursday, February 1, there will be a joint meeting of Congress at 11:45 a.m. to receive the President of France. After the joint session, we anticipate bringing to the floor for consideration the President's most recent complete budget submission.

We also plan to consider a sense-of-the-House resolution regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare reform, directing the Committee on the Budget to report on a resolution regarding funding levels and policy priorities for these programs. We hope to have Members on their way home by a reasonable hour on Thursday evening.

We will then begin a 3-week district work period, and reconvene the House on Monday, February 26.

Mr. Speaker, I have just one more comment.

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This one to my esteemed colleagues from Pennsylvania. I will see you next week with a smile on my face after our beloved Dallas Cowboys win the Super Bowl.

Mr. BONIOR. I would say to my friend from Texas that the distinguished chairman of the Committee on the Budget, Mr. KASICH, is a fanatical Steelers fan, as you probably know. I was just wondering if your differences with respect to this football game are the reason why he would prefer that we go ahead with a clean debt ceiling bill, and you have expressed contrary views this past week.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, I have discussed this with Mr. KASICH, and as much as he loves the Steelers, he has not been prepared to bet the budget on it.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the majority leader yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I am happy to yield.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and my suggestion would be that when you have all of your Dallas fans watching that game on Sunday, thank God they are not playing the Washington Redskins.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, we have 26 teams in the NFL; I am sure we could keep this up for a while.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss, if the gentleman from Texas would be so kind to do so, the statement in here about the farm bill and emergency legislation. What emergency legislation would that be?

I am on the Committee on Agriculture, and I would like to know what we are going to be faced with.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the inquiry of the gentleman, and I would refer the gentleman to the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. As the gentleman from Missouri has pointed out on many occasions, I am not personally an expert on farm policy.

Mr. VOLKMER. Well, you have done enough to agriculture programs in your time.

Mr. ARMEY. Pursuant to the recommendations of the gentleman, I have chosen to try as much as possible to leave this work in the hands of the committee. I know the committee and the members of the committee are very concerned.

They are working on it; they are working with Members of the other body, and the details of their work, I am sure, are something that the gentleman can better determine from the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. VOLKMER. Well, there is a great deal of uncertainty out there among all of the farmers. We have not done a farm bill. There was a welfare bill for big farmers put in the so-called Debt Ceiling Reduction Act that the President vetoed. It is my understanding that that bill, which the President said was one of the reasons he vetoed the provision on agriculture, one of the reasons he vetoed the bill, is going to be basically the same bill, so I have been told, that the Members want to take up in the Committee on Agriculture; and if that is the case, I do not know why we are doing it, because it will be vetoed again.

Now, I just do not understand why we continue to do legislation down here that is not going anywhere.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman would yield, again let me refer the gentleman from Missouri to the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. If in fact you want to have a debate on farm policy or you prefer to have a debate on welfare programs, I think you would better enjoy that debate in the Committee on Agriculture, and I would refer you to that committee.

Mr. VOLKMER. Well, I object strongly that you blame the President for something that needs to be solved right here in this body and with the chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and with the Committee on Agriculture in the Senate, because that is where the work has not been done, not with the President.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, one other comment to my friend from Texas concerning the concerns that Secretary Rubin has with regard to the possibility of a default by the 1st of March: For 220 years this government has paid its bills, and there is deep concern that our credit rating will in fact be destroyed.

Just yesterday, as the gentleman from Texas knows, Moody's announced they may lower America's credit rating, and of course the impact that will

(h) AGREEMENTS FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.—Section 3735(c) of such title is amended by striking out “December 31, 1995” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1997”.